

# Iron County Register

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WITH thankfulness that the Christmas-tide is blessed with peace in lieu of bloody world-war, the REGISTER extends to you good wishes for the coming year. May welfare and happiness attend you through 1919 and may the experiences of 1918 be not repeated to the coming generations. May Tiny Tim's prayer, "God bless us every one!" be realized!

FUNNY where all of those wet voters came from—when we had been solemnly assured by the dry spell-binders that there were none other except dry votes in Missouri. With taxes and war costs constantly mounting the men who pay the taxes are beginning to take interest in more than the idle words of paid workers.—The St. Joseph Observer.

MR. ROOSEVELT, the great and only Teddy, says, "as a people we have no right to permit the President to commit us to that of which we do not approve or to that which, after honest effort, we are unable to understand." Mr. Wilson's talk is to Americans and for Americans—not to pro-Germans, disgruntles nor traitors. His language is plain enough to those who want to understand—they do understand.—Boonville Advertiser.

A RECENT Post-Dispatch gives expression to the feelings of us all: "The pall of grief and horror and strain that shadowed the souls of men is lifted today. The joy of peace has come to a wounded, war-worn world. Free civilization triumphs over despotism. To-day's event is greater than peace after the greatest and most atrocious war in history. It signifies the liberation of the world from imperial despotism. It will be forever memorable as the Liberty Day of the world!"

## Bellevue News.

The influenza ban has been lifted in this community. The churches have resumed the usual services. The public school will open about the first of the year.

"Uncle Johnnie" Stricklin, an octogenarian, living alone in the south end of town, was found dead in his bed Monday afternoon of last week. A physician and the coroner were summoned. The jury returned a verdict of heart failure. His remains were taken to Monterey for burial.

Private Fred McColl of the motor truck service is home on a ten day furlough.

Privates L. G. Townsend and G. W. Farrar have received honorable discharges from the S. A. T. C. at Cape Girardeau and returned home.

Mrs. H. L. Bell and daughter, Miss Gladys, spent the week end with relatives here.

Prof. Houston McColl and wife of Annapolis are here to spend Christmas.

Miss Lizzie Russell, teacher in the Des Arc public school, is home for the holidays.

Died—At his home, one mile north of town, on Tuesday evening, December 17th, A. G. Ricketts, aged 33 years. He leaves a wife and one child—an adopted son—and many friends and relatives to mourn him. His place in the home, church and community is sadly vacant. The funeral services were held in the Methodist church by his pastor, Rev. H. J. Bollinger. The remains were laid to rest in the Presbyterian cemetery, Caledonia.

His father and mother, Dr. and Mrs. J. T. Ricketts, and brother, John Ricketts, of Mt. Sterling, Ky., were called to attend the funeral.

ALPHA.

## Goodwater Items.

The weather has been ideal. Lots of ties and lumber being hauled.

Martin Bros. have their saw mill ready to run.

J. F. Irvin, of St. Louis was here part of last week.

Jesus Jones and family, of Desloge, spent Thanksgiving here.

C. S. Lucas and wife returned to their home in Montana.

Clyde Payne and Bert Lucas have gone to Montana to seek their fortunes.

Last week Matt Williams bought a saw mill.

There are several cases of flu. Mr. and Mrs. Carl Crocker and their three children are very low.

The parents are hearing from the boys "over there."

Dr. Mincher, of Viburnum, has been called here several times to see "flu" patients.

Orville Burns, of East End, was mustered out of the army at Camp Funston last week.

L. W. S. December 17, 1918.

## Doyle Items.

Christmas will soon be here again. Fine weather, for this time of the year.

Lacie Clifford, infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Mody Brooks, is on the sick list, also Mrs. George Taft.

Mr. West Green's family are all down with the flu; some have the pneumonia.

H. R. Henderson has put new goods in the old Decker store at this place.

Lots of flu in this part of the country.

Mrs. Tom Trolinger died at her home near Oates, of flu, the 5th this month. She leaves five small children. May God protect the little ones!

Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Stricklin and children visited Mrs. S.'s parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. R. Henderson, Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. W. A. White have moved to their new home near Buick. The children of this district will have some holidays: our teacher, Miss Lucy Carl, intends spending Christmas with home folks at Goodwater.

Mrs. Emma Shipp and son were at Bixby Wednesday shopping.

Mr. and Mrs. N. W. Stuart have received a letter from their son, John, Somewhere in France, dated since the 11th of November.

Mr. and Mrs. McKetchen have heard their son, Wilburn. He was reported missing in action, but was in the hospital when he wrote. It sure is good to hear that some are still living, if so many gave their young and heroic lives for their country. May God comfort the dear mothers of our soldier boys who have made the sacrifice.

Wishing all a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

LONELY ONE.

December 19, 1918.

From Claud C. Russell.

Dear Bro. Eli—For some cause unknown my "Weekly Letter" failed to reach me till late Saturday evening. I was very much interested as well as amused in reading of your trip to see those three aeroplanes, and am writing to tell you what I know of them, or three others. That morning about 11 o'clock I was working about the wood shed in the rear of the house and I heard the whirr of an airplane. I went out into the open, and away in the northeast I saw three of them coming directly this way.

It was a beautiful sight, as they were about equal distant from each other jogging along peaceably, and not quarrelling for the middle of the road. On they came, making quite a racket, and one of them passed directly over my head. They were going from northeast to southwest.

In looking up, up, so high one can hardly realize that there are men in them.

In the evening I "listened in" on the phone while two men were talking, and a man at Leasburg said that they stopped there; and one of them stuck its nose in the ground, but was able to resume its journey.

He also said that they were going to Oklahoma City, locating an aerial mail route.

In the long times past, a question for debate in our debating society was "Resolved, that there is more pleasure in anticipation, than in possession." You sure had your share of pleasure—if that is true. But I hope that next time you will not be disappointed.

Wishing you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year, I am, as ever,

Yours most sincerely,

CLAUDE C. RUSSELL,

Bourbon, Mo., December 15, 1918.

From Oscar M. Smith.

To All—I am well, and feeling fine. I received Edna's letter of September 26th, a few days ago, and received papa's letter of October 11th, to-day. I was glad to hear from you. I wrote you a letter about two weeks ago, I guess you have received it by this time. I have not heard from Alfred yet; I guess I will get a letter from him pretty soon. I will write him a letter to-night. Edna said in her letter, he weighed 182 pounds. He must be getting fat. I weigh 153 pounds.

I guess you are having pretty cool weather now. It is getting a little cool here. We have had two or three frosty mornings.

Iron County did fine on the Fourth Liberty Loan. It has been six months since I left home. It doesn't seem to me like it has been more than three or four months. I guess the people did some great celebrating when they heard the war was over?

I will close for this time.

Pvt. OSCAR M. SMITH,

217th M. P. Co., American E. F.,

France, November 15, 1918.

A Letter from France.

Dear Mrs. King—I guess I will surprise you by writing you a few lines, but I do want to let you know I have not forgotten you all.

I am now on the front and have been for some time.

I am feeling fine and as fat as a pig, and tell Les B. I am still a good looking fellow and I know I will be so bashful I cannot talk to any girl when I get back to the States, for we have never seen any here. But to-morrow the Regimental Band and the Chaplain and two ladies from the Salvation Army are coming out to entertain us.

I am now at the Eledone of the Battery, where they keep the supplies and horses and mules, and if a mule don't kick me I think I will have a

good chance to come back home. I have been with the 51st Battery all the while until a couple of weeks ago, they sent me back here.

I see Tom real often, he is fine and he has seen Ray, but I have never seen him, am crazy to run across him. But we have very little time for visiting here. I don't think it will be very long until we will be on our way home.

Write to me, Mrs. King, if you have time, I would be tickled to death to hear from you. I always think of you as a mother to me, for I have been there so much. Tell me all about the boys and girls of the country, and everything in general.

Wishing you all a merry Christmas and a happy New Year, I remain as ever,

A dear friend to all,

PRIVATE W. G. HAY,

Battery F, 342d F. A., A. E. F.,

France, November 9, 1918.

From Elias Nichols.

MR. G. W. KANOUSE, Ironton, Mo.: My Dear Friend—No doubt you think I have forgotten you, but not yet. We were very busy until about a month ago when I took sick and was sent to the hospital, and have been here ever since. Am not well enough to work yet, but will be O. K. in a couple of weeks. My company is in Germany now and I hope to join them in the near future.

I suppose everybody had a duck-duck when the news reached Ironton about the armistice being signed. I would like to have been there to see how the people did take on. Well, it's over with now, and it will not be very long until we get back to dear old U. S.—the only country on the globe, for it will be loved much more than it ever was before.

All of us boys will have lots to tell about—both the country and the war, which will not be forgotten by the U. S. soldiers.

Well, Mr. Kanouse, I must bring this letter to an end and hope it reaches you and yours in the enjoyment of the best of health. From the bottom of my heart I wish you a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

COOK E. NICHOLS,

314 Eng., Co. E., Am. E. F.,

France, November 20th.

Killed in Action.

Mrs. Emma Shipp, near Bixby, in the west end of Iron county, on December 4th received a message stating that her son, Thomas, Co. M, was killed on the battlefields of France October 14th. Another Iron county boy has sacrificed his life for home and country. All of the community were saddened when the announcement came. Thomas was born March 23, 1895. He was called by the draft on July 6th last, and wrote his mother from Camp Arthur, Texas, August 21st: "Don't write as I won't be here long enough to receive an answer." But we had no idea he had been over there long enough to be at the front. He leaves a mother, four brothers and five sisters and a host of other relatives and friends to mourn his death. But he gave his life as a glorious sacrifice. One more Golden Star to add to the Iron county service flag. May God bless and comfort the bereaved ones!

A FRIEND.

Private Robert Roy Hart Dies at Sea.

Somewhere on ship board Roy Hart, another of our Iron County boys, succumbed to an attack of bronchial pneumonia. The family are without details as to his illness or location of ship "at sea." The meager information at hand simply informs us that he died at sea October 14th. The remains were shipped by express arriving at Crystal City, November 15th, and were interred in Gamel Cemetery, Festus, Mo., November 18th, 1918.

Roy was born in Bellevue Valley, January 9th, 1890. He has served in the army coast artillery four years and five months, and was looking forward to his discharge which he was expecting soon to be granted. About six years ago Roy joined the Christian Church.

No one can compute the real price that has been paid for world liberty. The moneyed value is insignificant when compared with the cost in the life blood of our boys and the even greater sacrifice measured in the heart throbs and aches of the mothers and dear ones at home.

We should ever bear our heads at the memory of the dear boys who have thus made the great sacrifice for us and mankind.

FRIEND.

U. S. Employment Service.

The U. S. Employment Service, at Cape Girardeau, Mo., is in receipt of a letter from Mr. C. C. Hawley, Drainage Contractor, in which Mr. Hawley stated as follows:

"I mailed your card from Blytheville, Arkansas, stating that Mr. Dean and wife have gone to work on a certain date. These people are very good help in their respective places, and I was not only glad to get them; but it was a great convenience to me to get them so quickly through your Bureau. If your office is maintained here it will certainly be of great benefit to this community. I shall want other help from time to time—both skilled and unskilled labor. I certainly regard your Bureau favorably."

If the people of Southeast Missouri once get in the habit of taking their labor needs to the U. S. Employment Service, such letters as the above will become more common.

## Important to Motor Car Owners.

Secretary of State John L. Sullivan has sent to every bank and to every licensed garage in Missouri a supply of application blanks for automobile owners for 1919. These applications should be secured, filled out and sent in as early in January as possible. Then you will have your plates on February 1st.

Application blanks will be sent on request, as heretofore, but this new plan is adopted as a measure of conservation—time, paper, postage and labor. By applying to a bank for blanks, you will find that you must send certified check or draft; that it must be made payable to State Treasurer, and that every item in your blank must be filled out.

Be careful in giving motor number of your car; do not give a part or car number. By giving correct motor or engine number the department will be able to aid you in recovering your car should it be stolen. This department has card index record of motor numbers, and has aided in the recovery of about one hundred cars by this system.

Write your name so plainly that there will be no possibility of misspelling it in the records. Give your address in full. This will be a measure of protection to you.

## Successfully Passes Again.

(Farmington Times.)

The legislative visiting committee, consisting of Senator Carter H. Buford, Chairman, and Representatives J. B. Tolson and T. B. Hodges, with their secretary, J. H. Edwards, from Jefferson City, spent last Thursday and Friday at State Hospital No. 4, visited every ward and every building on the grounds; the state farm, and the three farms that are rented; inspected the barns and out-buildings, and investigated every department. They report finding the institution well conducted and successfully managed. They also found harmony prevailing among the officers and employees, and economy practiced in all departments; the patients' interests looked after in every detail and humane treatment shown them. In fact, every care, kindness and consideration shown them. The staff physicians and officers giving their entire time and energy to the work, and displaying an unusual interest in caring for the unfortunates committed to their care.

Senator Buford strongly contends that State Hospitals should be the first consideration of the law-makers, and after they are properly cared for, then the interests of other institutions should receive proper consideration.

They report that the increased weight among the patients in this hospital is due to the quality and quantity of the food, as well as regular shower baths, healthful outdoor life, and congenial employment. This institution, constructed on the cottage plan, where the patients are properly classified, together with the ideal landscape gardening, beautiful drives, healthful and delightful surroundings, makes it one of the most important, modern and attractive hospitals in the State.

The location is ideal, surrounded by the foot-hills of the Ozarks, the lawns, flower beds, and campus, present a park-like appearance that is most attractive. The salubrious climate, pure water and air, and congenial surroundings make this an ideal place for the mentally ill.

776 patients are now receiving institutional care and treatment, and 25 per cent are discharged annually with disease arrested, or cured. Occupation is here recognized as a potent means of treating disease and no less useful and beneficial are amusements and entertainments.

The advantages of the cottage plan are many. The patients are properly classified, congestion is obviated, strict sanitation prevails, and contagious diseases are easily prevented.

The visiting committee prepared a full detailed report of the needs of the institution for the next Biennial period, and will present this report to the coming Legislature. They left for Cape Girardeau Friday evening to inspect the State Normal School.

## In Memoriam.

In memory of my dear husband, Ernest L. Peck, who departed this life one week ago, December 7, 1918.

One week has past away; Sad and sudden was the call. For my dear husband, loved by all. I little thought that on that day, That my dear husband was called away.

I could not realize what was said, When the message came that he was dead.

Day by day I sadly miss him; Friends may think the wound is healed. But they little know the grief That within my heart is concealed. He shall never be forgotten, Never from my memory fade, Loving hearts will always linger Around the grave where he is laid. Sadly missed by

WIFE AND SONS.

FOR SALE—On the W. A. Russell farm, Bellevue, Mo., about 10,000 feet of lumber, came from a store building, consisting of dimension lumber, 2x4, 2x6 and 2x8, running 6 to 20 feet in length, and boxing, 18 feet, ceiling and flooring; building wrecked was 20x30, 18 feet to eaves. Also a lot of shelving and set of Good Counters. Any one interested will apply to John C. Russell, who will show the lumber and make prices.

## Jasper E. Allen.

(Farmington News.)

Jasper E. Allen was born in Glover, Iron Co., Mo., 28 years ago and was called to come up higher on December 3, 1918.

He was married to Rosa Eickenberger, May 28, 1913. God blessed this union with two children, Johnnie, who preceded his parents to the glory-world in early infancy; and baby Ruth who survives her parents. Besides this child, Brother Allen leaves a father, mother, two brothers, three sisters and a host of friends to mourn his departure.

He was converted soon after his marriage, and united with the Methodist church at Hopewell, Mo., remaining a faithful servant of his Lord until his triumphant death.

Truly, Mr. Allen's sickness was a blessing in disguise if such can be, for at 1:30 o'clock the day of his departure he called his father to him and told him good-bye. At 2 o'clock he began pointing upward, naming the loved ones he could see at the portals of heaven waiting for him. Those at his bedside asked him if he could see Rosa, his wife, and he said he could. His face beamed with a heavenly light all the time he was talking and he kept pointing upward.

At his request, his father read to him Matthew 18:17-24, and then a prayer was offered that God would pilot him over the river into the new Jerusalem. He said he could see Johnnie, his little son, and when asked if he could see Jesus he said: "Yes Jesus first." So it is with every child of God, when entering the valley, they can see Jesus waiting to bear them over the river into the heavenly city. Mr. Allen left the message to his baby that "papa and mama are in heaven."

Brother Allen will be sadly missed not only by his loved ones, but as Superintendent and Steward in his home church. The funeral service was conducted by the writer, after which the remains were laid to rest in the Hopewell cemetery to await the resurrection morn.

J. N. SUTTON.

## Obituary.

Died at her home, near Bixby, Mo., Lucy Stricklin, wife of James H. Stricklin. The deceased was born November 14th, 1862, and died November 22, 1918, aged 56 years and 8 days. She leaves a husband, five daughters and two sons and many friends to mourn. Their sad loss is her eternal gain in that bright and happy home where no sorrow ever comes. She was laid to rest in the family cemetery to await the Judgment morn. We extend our sympathy to the bereaved ones in their hour of sorrow and hope to meet her where no farewell tears ever flow.

A FRIEND.

Died—At the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Isaac C. Clements, of Bixby, Mo., Mrs. Della Cirlum, wife of Fred Cirlum, of pneumonia. The deceased was born October 28, 1900, and died November 6, 1918, aged 18 years and nine days. She is mourned by a young husband, father, mother, five sisters and two brothers. The remains were laid to rest in Stafford cemetery.

A precious one from us has gone, A voice we love is stilled; A place is vacant in our home Which never can be filled.

God in His wisdom has recalled, The boon His love had given; And though the body slumbers here, The soul is safe in heaven.

A FRIEND.

## Food Administration.

On account of violation of the regulations of the United States Food Administration by selling wheat mill feeds at excessive prices, the miller at Annapolis, J. T. Webb, has been penalized by being required to discontinue wheat milling operations and the sale of flour and feed from December 26 to January 15, inclusive, and to post notices of the same in conspicuous places at his mill and store.

The Food Administration permits him to grind corn meal during the period named, in order that his customers may not be put to too great inconvenience.

## Weather Report.

Meteorological Report of Cooperative Observer at Ironton, Iron County, Mo., for the week ending Monday, December 16, 1918.

Days of Week.	Temperature		Precipitation
	High	Low	
Tuesday.....	10	88	50
Wednesday.....	11	88	35
Thursday.....	12	89	30
Friday.....	13	84	41
Saturday.....	14	44	42
Sunday.....	15	37	39
Monday.....	16	59	36

NOTE.—The precipitation includes rain, hail, sleet and melted snow, and is recorded in inches and hundredths. Ten inches of snow equal one inch of rain. ("7") indicates trace of precipitation. ARCADIA COLLEGE Observer.

Mary Pickford is a dandy comedy-drama Tuesday. Don't miss it.

## Investigation of Highway Board Unnecessary but Every Member Anxious for It.

JEFFERSON CITY, Mo., Dec. 7.—The State Highway Board, in session here to-day, took up for consideration the various subjects to be treated in the first biennial report of the Board, soon to be issued; and in this connection discussed some of the reports recently appearing in the newspapers of the state charging that the Board was dominated by politics.

The Board invites a full investigation of this charge.

All of the members of the Board were present at the meeting, and all join in asking that judgment be suspended until such time as the Board reports in detail the work of the Department for the period ending December 1, 1918. This report will show that, notwithstanding abnormal conditions—notwithstanding the enormous task of organizing and settling in motion the machinery of road-building in 114 counties, there is nothing to be ashamed of, and much to be proud of, in the accomplishments of the Board; and there is every reason to believe that even the most sanguine expectations of the most enthusiastic road advocate will be realized.

There has been no politics in the Board. All the politics even remotely affecting the Department has been the occasional injection of the word "politics" in newspaper reports. Our Board has always worked to secure the co-operation of all the people in building a system of State Roads that will touch every county in the State. To succeed, this co-operation was necessary. Therefore we ask that you be not influenced by inspired publications—that you await the official report of the work of the Department, and then form your own judgment.

We assure you that we have not been lax; that we have built every mile of road possible under the circumstances; have approved every properly proposed road project, and that we have properly and judiciously carried out the work outlined.

Yours very truly,  
E. L. SANFORD, Chairman,  
G. E. MCININCH, Vice-Chairman,  
C. O. RAINE.

## Have You Bought Your Fertilizer?

Indications are that no relief from the present shortage of phosphate fertilizers is to be expected until next fall. The greatest shortage exists in the supply of acid phosphate. This is due to two causes: The extensive use of sulphuric acid for munition manufacture thus limiting the amount available for the production of acid phosphate; and the fact the commercial fertilizer companies use the acid phosphate to make up their mixed fertilizers which bring them larger profits. For this reason they want to sell nitrogen at 40 cents or more a pound and potash at 30 cents a pound in preference to phosphorus, notwithstanding the urgent need of our soils for phosphorus. In order to make the best of an unfavorable situation, the University of Missouri College of Agriculture advises farmers to buy their fertilizers as early as possible for it will be very difficult later in the season to get the kind of fertilizer most needed.

## STOCKHOLDERS' MEETING.

Notice is hereby given that the annual stockholders' meeting of the Bellevue Valley Bank will be held at its banking house in Bellevue, Mo., on Saturday, the 4th day of January, 1919. Said meeting will be convened at 10 o'clock A. M., and continue during at least three hours unless the object for which such meeting is called be accomplished sooner. The purpose for which said meeting is called is to elect five directors for the said bank to serve during the ensuing year, and for the transaction of any other business which may properly come before the meeting.

December 18, 1918.  
B. E. BUFORD, President.  
C. F. SHELTON, Cashier.

## Warning! No Trespassing!

Hunting and trespassing are positively forbidden on my premises. Mr. Cole has charge of my place.

J. H. LONG.  
Bellevue, Mo., Nov. 5, 1918.

## Executor's Notice.

To Whom It May Concern: Notice is hereby given that Letters Testamentary on the estate of John M. Stricklin, deceased, were granted to the undersigned on the 23rd day of December, 1918, by the Probate Court of Iron County, Missouri.

All persons having claims against said estate are required to exhibit them for allowance to the Executor within six months after the date of said letters or they may be precluded from any benefit of said estate; and if such claims be not exhibited within one year from the date of the last insertion of the publication of this notice, they shall be forever barred.

This 23d day of December, 1918.  
MONROE JOHNSTON,  
Executor with will annexed.

Attest:  
O. W. ROOP,  
Judge of Probate.

Iron County, Missouri, December 23, 1918.  
STATE OF MISSOURI, ss.  
COUNTY OF IRON.

I hereby certify that Monroe Johnston was granted Letters Testamentary on the estate of John M. Stricklin, deceased, on the date above written.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set (SEAL) my hand and affixed the seal of said Court this 23d day of December, 1918.

O. W. ROOP, Judge of Probate, and ex-Officio Clerk.